

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BLUE GRASS CITY COUNCIL
BLUE GRASS, IOWA AUGUST 19, 2024**

The Blue Grass City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the 19th day of August 2024, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Mississippi Street, Blue Grass, Iowa, pursuant to law, with Mayor Brad Schutte presiding, with a Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of reflection.

Council present: Hermann, Smith, Blok, Bowman and Brandenburg.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Smith moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Brandenburg. Roll call: Smith-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Bowman-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read aloud the Mayoral Comments.

PUBLIC FORUM: Resident Bev Marlowe expressed her disappointment that her LMI Application to replace her garage roof was denied asking what was she supposed to do as her insurance company sent her a letter informing her that if she did not replace her garage roof, it would not be covered. Discussion was held.

Resident Terry Kelly complained of traffic traveling at excessive speeds on East Laretta Street as well as resident Nick Barnett having it caught on a camera. Mayor Schutte said that it had already been reported and that the Police Chief was notified immediately to take care of the situation. He also explained that the State had taken away all the City's speed cameras until further notice; therefore, the City only had their speed trailer that records the speeds.

Chris Jepsen, owner of Aero Concrete reported that the Lamphere Drive Reconstruction Project would be complete in approximately two weeks giving a brief update on what was remaining yet to complete.

Mayor Schutte announced that the City's newest Police Officer would be sworn in at the September 3, 2024 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: Brandenburg moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Smith.

1. **August 5, 2024 Minutes**
2. **May 2024 Clerk's Report**
3. **Resolution 2024-45 ref: Acceptance of the FY '24 Street Finance Report**
4. **Resolution 2024-46 ref: Authorizing payment #3 to Aero Concrete**
5. **Resolution 2024-47 ref: Authorizing an expenditure from the accumulated TIF Reserve**
6. **Payment of claims**

Roll call: Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Blok-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL:

7. **Poker Run:** Resident Terry Kelly proposed a lawn mower poker run set for October 5, 2024 starting with registration at 11:00 a.m. with the run to start at noon passing out a preliminary map of the route. Mayor and Council expressed concerns that neither the Police Chief nor Fire Chief had viewed the map prior to the meeting. Bowman moved to approve the lawn mower poker run set for October 5, 2024 with the stipulation that both the Police Chief and Fire Chief review and approve the route, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

8. **Report:** Fire Chief Brian Seamer presented the July 2024 Fire Department report.

PARK BOARD:

9. **Report:** Mike Hermann presented the August 2024 Park Board report prepared by Chair Ryan Powers.

PUBLIC WORKS:

10. Bush Hog & Flair Mower: Mayor Schutte reported that the Public Works Director had recommended that the City advertise a minimum bid of \$1,000.00 for the bush hog 3.0 and a minimum bid of \$1,500.00 for the flail mower. Council agreed to advertise setting the minimum bids as presented with a bid closing date of September 13th and a bid opening date of September 16th.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

11. Trick-or-Treat: Smith moved to set Blue Grass' trick-or-treat date to October 31, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Smith-aye, Bowman-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Hermann-aye and Blok-aye. Motion carried.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT(S):

12. Nuisance Abatement(s): Mayor Schutte reported that there were several letters sent out to residents regarding excessive weeds and grass.

LICENSE RENEWAL(S):

13. Liquor License renewal: Bowman moved to approve The Corner Grill's liquor license renewal, seconded by Blok. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Blok-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Smith-aye and Hermann-aye. Motion carried.

POLICY & ADMINISTRATION:

14. Grant Proposals: Grant proposals were presented. It was the consensus of the Council to apply for the pickle ball court for the Park Board and extrication tools for the Fire Department.

15. GASB 77: The Clerk reported that in August 2015 the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 77 requiring cities to disclose their fiscal year's qualifying tax abatements to other governmental entities that are impacted by their taxing authority by October 1st of each year. She displayed copies of the letters sent to Scott County, Muscatine County, Eastern Iowa Community College and the Davenport Community School District.

16. Clerk's Report: City Clerk Ann Schmidt presented the June 2024 Clerk's Report.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The Clerk reminded the Council of the special joint meeting with the Zoning Board of Adjustments set for August 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and reported that the next meeting would be held Tuesday, September 3, 2024 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

ADJOURNMENT: Bowman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hermann. Roll call: Bowman-aye, Hermann-aye, Brandenburg-aye, Blok-aye and Smith-aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Mayor Brad Schutte

Attest: Ann M. Schmidt, CMC, City Clerk/Financial Officer

CLAIMS REPORT

AERO CONCRETE	LAMPHERE DR CONSTR PROJ	213,998.43
ALL FLAGS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	628.52
ALLTEST	PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING	95.00
B.G. BUGLE	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	200.00
DSI	DRUG TESTING	49.50
EASTERN IA LIGHT & POWER	UTILITIES	1,687.05
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING	20.00
JOHNSON DISTRIB.	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	14.00
MANATT'S	TRAIL MAINTENANCE	3,488.61
MARTIN & WHITACRE SURVEYORS	ENGINEERING FEES	3,709.28
MEDIACOM	INTERNET SVS	421.80
MENARDS	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	90.04
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	1,781.95
MIDWEST WHEEL	EQUIP OPER	5.57
NAPA	OPERATING SUPPLIES	139.99
OFFICE MACHINE CONSULT	EQUIP OPER	1,219.00
OPG-3	COMPUTER MAINT	441.00
PANTHER UNIFORMS	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	196.47
PORTER INSURANCE	WORK COMP	1,217.00
PS3 ENTERPRISES	BLDG & GRNDS MAINT	340.00
QC POWER EQUIP.	EQUIP OPER	89.49
QUAD CITY TIMES	ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS	186.74
REPUBLIC SVS	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	10,496.25
SCOTT CO. SHERIFF	JAIL EXPENSE	50.00
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	EQUIP OPER	235.86
THE CTK GROUP	TRAINING	500.00
UNIFORM DEN	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	63.25
VISA	OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,790.82
TOTAL:		243,155.62

TOTAL FUNDS:

GENERAL	231,162.37
ROAD USE	260.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,217.00
SANITATION	10,516.25
TOTAL FUNDS:	243,155.62

ADD'L BILLS PAID – MAY 2024

PAYROLL	25,420.06
BG SAVINGS (FED'L/FICA/MEDICARE W/H)	8,055.54
TREASURER, STATE OF IA (STATE W/H)	1,195.39
IPERS (PENSION W/H)	5,461.11
AMERICO (457 PLAN W/H)	300.00
AFLAC (INS W/H)	71.16
CENTRAL STATES INS (EMPLOYEE CONTR)	540.00
TREASURER, STATE OF MAINE (EMPLOYEE W/H)	1,124.00

POSTMASTER-POSTAGE	247.05
AMAZON-OPER SUPPLIES	65.30
MICROSOFT-COMPUTER OPER	891.00
BG PTA-FUNDRAISING	80.00
NORTH SCOTT PRESS-ADVERTISING	30.00
LEGACY FIRE-EQUIP OPER	463.21
TOTAL:	43,943.82

FUND TOTALS

GENERAL	41,066.69
ROAD USE	2,638.81
SANITATION	238.32
TOTALS:	43,943.82

REVENUES – MAY 2024

GENERAL	31,697.74
RESERVES: POLICE	12,500.00
RESERVES: PARK IMPROV	25.00
FIRE TOWNSHIP	133.86
ROAD USE	18,972.54
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	6,403.60
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	5,167.13
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	30,435.26
MONEY MARKET	1,460.85
SEWER	300.15
CD-INTEREST	56,546.80
SANITATION	12,035.30
TOTAL:	175,678.23